

III. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

Volume 3 Confidential Information, if applicable

List of Confidential Information and Intellectual Property

Attachment 19

Copy of confidential items for submittal

Disabled Veteran Enterprises Participation Compliance, Attachment 4 and 4a

Public Contract Code Part 10115, et seq., and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Part 1896.62, require all Contractors who are not governmental agencies to pursue Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) participation in their project. Bidders must either have three (3) percent DVBE participation in the project or must document a good faith effort to obtain DVBE participation. Failure to comply with this requirement by submitting complete DVBE documentation in the proposal will result in immediate rejection of the bid.

Use Attachment 4 and 4a to document DVBE participation and/or good faith efforts. It is important that Bidders thoroughly read the instructions provided.

Small Business Preference, Attachments 1 and 5 (If Applicable)

California Government Code Section 14835, et seq., requires that a five percent (5%) preference be given to Bidders who qualify as a small business. To qualify for the small business preference points in the evaluation criteria, Bidders can be identified as a small business through either:

- The State of California, Department of General Services, Office of Small Business Certification and Resources (OSBCR) formal certification processes. The Bidder must include a copy of the approved certification letter or application for certification, or
- The Federal Government, Small Business Administration (SBA) self-certification guidelines.

Bidders claiming small business preference must indicate either State of California or Federal Government qualification on Attachment 1, Application and Project Information Form. Small Business points will be awarded only if the Bidder qualifies. See page 32 of this solicitation as well as Attachment 5 for more information regarding Small Business and Non-Small Business Preferences.

2. Limitation in the Proposal Format and Length for Stage 2

~~There are no page limits for Stage 2. Proposals must be presented in a clear, complete, and concise manner. The Volume 2, Table of Contents and Attachments 10, excluding the Appendices, should be kept to a combined maximum of fifteen (15) pages of text. Bidders are strongly encouraged to limit the length of their proposals, while adequately covering the proposal requirements.~~

Bidders who believe that supporting documentation or additional explanations ~~exceeding the fifteen (15) page limit are needed~~ are necessary may attach such information in appendices to their proposal. Appendices are appropriate for items such as calculations of non-energy public and private benefits and associated discussions, calculations of performance enhancements resulting from successful completion of the proposed work, and summaries of accomplishments from previous RD&D projects that are relevant to the current proposal.